

MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
GOVERNOR'S MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION and the
ARIZONA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION
Monday, February 27, 2006, at 10 a.m.
Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007

OPENING REMARKS

Co-Chair Lisa Atkins called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL & ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Commissioners Present:

- Lisa Atkins, Co-Chair, West Valley
- Thomas Browning, Brig. Gen., USAF (Ret.)
- Dr. William D. Carrell, Jr., Tucson (by telephone)
- Mayor James Cavanaugh, Goodyear
- Michael Francis, West Valley Community Action Coalition
- Mayor Tom Hessler, City of Sierra Vista
- Representative John Nelson, Arizona House of Representatives
- Supervisor Sandie Smith, Pinal County (by telephone)
- Supervisor Lenore Stuart, Yuma County
- Priscilla Storm, Diamond Ventures in Tucson (by telephone)
- Mayor Robert Walkup, City of Tucson (by telephone)

Ex-Officio and Staff Members Present:

- Patrick F. Chorpenning, Military Policy Advisor to the Governor
- Deb Sydenham, Arizona Department of Commerce
- Patricia Boland, Assistant Attorney General

Commissioners Absent:

- Tom Finnegan, Co-Chair, Sierra Vista
- Senator Thayer Verschoor, Senate Appointee
- Robert Johnston, Lt. Gen., USMC (Ret.)
- Monsignor Richard O'Keeffe, Yuma

A quorum was established and the minutes of the October 18, 2005 meeting were approved as published.

COMMISSIONERS UPDATES

Supervisor Smith continues to identify issues in Pinal County with the Military gunnery range outside of Florence relating to zoning and land use.

Priscilla Storm reported that the Military Communities Compatibility Committee (MC3) continues to meet. The information gathering is over. With the F22 being here and the announcement of runway improvement at the Tucson International Airport and the F16

Quadrants moving from TIA to the Davis Mountain Air Force Base, The MC3 Group is now working on issues of pollution and noise from the increase in single engine aircraft over-flight in midtown Tucson.

- Col. Wanda Wright representing Major General Michael Shira, the Arizona National Guard Commander, asked if the F16s will definitely be moved to Davis Monthan.
- Ms. Storm responded that moving the F16s is a temporary relocation during a resurfacing and runway improvement at Tucson International Airport. It could be for thirty days or may last for three or four months. The F16 squadrons will return to the National Guard location at Tucson International Airport after the construction project has been completed.
- Mayor Robert Walkup stated that the F22s are in Tucson for an air show and would be here only a short length of time.

Supervisor Lenore Stuart reported that the Yuma County Board of Supervisors has been working with Col. Hancock at the Marine Corps Air Station regarding the land use around the Berry Goldwater Range. Representative Nelson may want to speak a little later about the legislation he is introducing to that affect. Yuma Proving Ground received \$8.1 million for waste water treatment. The Marine Corps Air Station also received some funding for improvements.

Mayor Hessler will be attending a meeting the Association of Defense Communities (previously known as the National Association of Installation Developers). This is a national organization that helps both the State and the military community deal with closures resulting from BRAC (Base Realignment and Closures). In recent years, it also deals with those communities that successfully survived the BRAC.

- Please check the www.americasupportsyou.mil website for new information regarding supporting the troops.
- Mayor Hessler read a resolution from the League of Cities and Towns passed this year that voices local government support for the military in Arizona. He wanted to make the resolution a matter of record demonstrating that Arizona cities and towns are strong supporters of the military. He acknowledged his fellow MAC members who are also on the League.

Chairman Atkins thanked Mayor Hessler and suggested he report any updates from his San Diego meeting to the committee.

Tom Browning reports that the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) is now public. General Johnston is poring over the report to determine what potential impact there may be to the state of Arizona. There are many internal changes in the training and equipment infrastructure in some areas of the military. This is a very long process and QDR has just covered the basics. Many of the decisions of QDR will have to be categorized by services and reflected in the Defense of Defense appropriation. Hopefully by the next meeting, Gen. Johnston will have a study completed and will report to the MAC.

Rep. John Nelson commented on the JLUS and said that the community affected by the Barry M. Goldwater Range worked together for about two years. As I understand it,

Representative Russ Jones is putting the final amendments together for HB 2030 so that the radiant zoning will be in place when it is ready for signature.

Rep. Nelson also said that he was primary sponsor for around 40 bills and this session has been extremely fast-paced.

Chairperson Atkins said that Senator Verschoor was not able to join us and thanked Rep. Nelson for providing the legislative update.

Mayor Cavanaugh provided an update on Pentagon Channel efforts. At the last meeting, he and Rep. Nelson were asked to establish a committee to cover both the America Supports You program and the Pentagon Channel. They are hoping to generate state-wide support for the two programs and will be forming a committee. The committee will represent military support groups, business communities, municipalities and military installations. The formal announcement of the committee and the date of the first meeting are forth coming. What they would like to do, if the MAC agrees, is to have a committee of senior leaders meet one time and discuss these two programs. The group will be formed within a month or two. The committee members could identify objectives and then go back to their home areas to garner support in their community. The committee members can then report back on a periodic basis. He requested suggestions as to potential members for that committee from various parts of the State and invited comments.

Chairperson Atkins asked that recommendations be given to Mayor Cavanaugh or his assistant Kelly as soon as possible. She asked if there were objections to a one-time-only meeting. There were none.

Deb Sydenham commented on Supervisor Smith's question regarding Florence Military Reservation in terms of the joint land use study for that area. The jurisdiction of National Guard facilities is unclear (whether this is a national or state responsibility), all the joint land use studies (JLUS) related to guard facilities have been on hold for about a year now. There has been a push to conduct a JLUS in Silverbell area, which may be conducted by Florence and Pinal County. Department of Commerce is not allowed to proceed with funding a JLUS for the Silverbell area at this point in time.

- Tom Browning advised Deb Sydenham and the Commissioners that there is serious discussion by the Town of Maricopa to purchase a small airport and turn it into a local municipal airport.

Chairperson Atkins asked the representatives from several military installations today to introduce themselves and to point out any issues that need to be brought to the commissions' attention at this time.

Military Installation Fund (MIF) Status Report

Sherri Lee, MIF Program Manager, Department of Commerce distributed a notebook to all the Commissioners that contained MIF Application information (including individual applications to sell property, jurisdictional project applications, and the MIF Scoring Committee findings). A special Commission meeting has been scheduled to approve MIF

applications on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at 10:00a.m., location to be determined. The total of property owner applications is over \$7 million and jurisdictional projects exceed \$3 million. Sherri Lee will be mailing a notebook containing the MIF application to all Commissioners not at the meeting.

Since this is the first time that the Commissioners will be reviewing the materials and making decisions, this is an opportunity to critique the format that the information has been provided and to identify ways to simplify the review process. Chairman Atkins encouraged the Commissioners to take notes that may be helpful in streamlining future reviews.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Military Installation “Soft Spots”

At the October meeting, each Commissioner was asked to identify any weaknesses where military installations in their areas may be vulnerable. The purpose of the exercise is to protect our installations by identifying any “soft spots” to resolve problems. By working with Luke Air Force Base, Mayor Cavanaugh identified six “critical elements” to provide the best margin of safety for both military personnel and civilians while they meet their military mission. Copies of the PowerPoint slides were included in the agenda packets for the Commissioners.

While the presentation was specific to Luke AFB, the process and the format may be useful to other military installations to identify critical elements and to assess the situation (using a “red, yellow, green” color coding system).

Mayor Cavanaugh emphasized that each “soft spot” report would need to be customized to the community.

Michael Francis asked if there were any red lights (where a problem was so pervasive that it demanded immediate remedial action) and learned there were none.

Gen. Browning thanked Mayor Cavanaugh for putting together this format and hoped that the “soft spot” reports would become a standing agenda item. Chairperson Atkins agreed to include them in future meetings. She also said that she had tentatively identified members to assume responsibility for certain military installations.

Mayor Cavanaugh offered to put together a group of experts who would be able to assist the Commissioners as they put together their individual evaluations. This will become an agenda item for consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding proposed Federal and State Legislation

Rep. Nelson said that there were no noise studies for the Silverbell area (west of Marana) by the time legislation was being crafted for this session. He reported that an issue dealing with imminent domain has the potential to have a severe impact on Arizona. A representative from the Arizona League of Cities and Towns expressed significant concerns with the proposal to compensate property owners for all property received through imminent domain.

There is no JLUS for the Silverbell area. The National Guard and a land developer were trying to lock in routes through a noise study. Rep. Nelson wanted the routes to be similar to the map developed for Gila Bend Auxiliary One. This is still a work in progress and he suggested that this be a focus of a future meeting. He further suggested that the PIO from each installation be involved in developing the model. The area is current undeveloped land, but the plans need to be in place before the inevitable development.

Attendees were provided with a handout "GMAC/AMAC Legislative Update" that outlined various legislation of interest to the Commission. Highlights from the report:

- HB2030: Tech Correction; County Formation (Striker: now concurrent criminal jurisdiction over certain areas of Arizona). Rep. Nelson said that supporters from Yuma worked to get the bill in place and thanked the Yuma representatives for seeing that the Barry M. Goldwater Range was included.
- Pat Chorpenning said that SCR1019 and HCR2031 were not included on the list and require close monitoring. These resolutions require compensation of individual property owners for lands that are affected by zoning. If passed, the resolutions will bring Arizona to a standstill (road construction, military installations, etc.) because of the financial burden imposed on local government.

Pat Chorpenning reported that Sen. Jack Harper had proposed the establishment of a second military installation fund, but S.B. 1026 is essentially dead. Sen. Harper agreed not to request that the bill move forward.

Appropriations for the Military Installation Fund (MIF) appear to be on track for full funding.

Military Facilities Task Force Recommendations Update

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Status Update – Air Force Research Lab, Mesa Research Site

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Moving Arizona Forward

Lisa Danko, Dept. of Commerce, made a presentation that described the long-term strategic plan for Arizona. There are a dozen identified industries identified as high-growth industries that will bring in more money than the infrastructure or other support will cost Arizona. One of the targeted industries was categorized "Aerospace / Defense / Avionics." That specific portion of the plan was recommended by the Military Facility Task Force (the association that also recommended the formation of the Military Affairs Commission as a permanent body to preserve and enhance military installations in Arizona).

Handouts were distributed to the Commissioners, a portion of which is retrievable at www.azcommerce.com. Of paramount concern is the phenomenal growth in the state, which adversely impacts military installations.

Kent Ennis, Economist with the Department of Commerce, spoke about the development of the Aerospace/Defense/Avionics roadmap. It is clearly one of the most important industries in Arizona. Arizona is one of the top 10 employers in the country in this industry and he requested involvement from the MAC as a study is put together. Mr. Ennis proposed a methodology that begins with an economic analysis. There was some good work done by Maguire & Associates in 2002, but that study was specifically for the military (excluding the areas of defense and avionics).

Commerce is seeking participation from the Commissioners and Chairperson Atkins asked if anyone was willing to volunteer. Mayor Cavanaugh was willing to assist and Chairperson Atkins told Ms. Danka and Mr. Ennis that she would provide a second name.

An RFP (Request for Proposal) subcommittee will be formed and will work for around 3-4 months. At the end of that process, a bid will be sent out to both national and local consulting firms.

Mayor Hessler asked how Commerce would be coordinating with the Council of Governments. Ms. Danka explained that the state has been divided into economic regions, each of which has a regional representative assigned to coordinate with all levels of government.

Briefing: Military –Civilian Partnership

Wendy Lyons, Scottsdale Healthcare, described a partnership that had been formed between General Dynamics, City of Scottsdale, and others. The purpose is to ensure that both private and public sector organizations are prepared to handle disasters.

Scottsdale Healthcare revamped its disaster preparedness after 9/11/2001. The hospital at Luke AFB was closing at around the same time that they were developing the public-private partnership. Col. Skylar Gellar was very pleased about the opportunity to partner with Scottsdale Osborn so that his personnel were provided with extensive exposure to trauma there. They co-developed the program with military so that they could work together as a team.

The Coyote Crisis Campaign is a regional crisis response campaign designed to exercise the Arizona Air National Guard, the City of Scottsdale, Scottsdale Healthcare, General Dynamics, and additional participating organizations and government entities in emergency crisis response. The partnership is expanding to include all military installations. The program has gained national attention and they are providing training to Arizona assets first and FEMA Region 9 as possible. Drills have required extraordinary planning, but the end result will be a systematic approach to disasters – including a pandemic.

Col. Pat Aiello explained that FEMA Region 9 and how the exercises were an outgrowth of a military exercise held by each FEMA region semiannually. This will be the 5th such exercise.

Ms. Lyons asked that the MAC support and endorse the partnership and invited the Commissioners to the inaugural on April 24, 2006 at 5:00 at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts. Because the action had not been posted as an agenda item, action cannot be taken until the next meeting.

Call to the Public

Col. Todd Eggens, Legislative liaison officer at the Arizona Wing, introduced himself as representing the Auxiliary of the United States Air Force (better known as the Civil Air Patrol). They have 52 Wings (one for each state and there is one in Washington, D.C. and in Puerto Rico). They have a cadet programs, emergency services and air education. He feels they would be a great asset to appliance and the coyote crisis.

Michael Francis requested that meeting dates not be scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Priscilla Storm also has a problem with Tuesday meetings. The next meeting will be held on April 4, 2006 – the location will be provided at a later time, but it will be held no earlier than 10:00 a.m. in consideration of town participants.

April 4th is a special meeting to discuss and approve the military installation fund applications processed by the Dept. of Commerce. Regular business agenda items will be included in that meeting, time permitting. If there is sufficient reason, the MAC may call a meeting for May 2006. With everybody's travel schedule for the summer, the plan is to avoid scheduling meetings in June, July and August.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.